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TWO WEEKS IN JAIL FOR IGNORING FEDERAL SUBPOENA

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Genoveva Gonzalez, DOB 6/22/72, of the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Reservation in Sawyer County, was sentenced today to two weeks in jail, with work release privileges. Gonzalez pleaded guilty today to failing to appear as a government witness during the trial of *United States v. John Radermacher, et al.*, a Latin King drug trial held between December 5 and December 12, 2005, in Madison. The government's proof established that Gonzalez was served with a subpoena to appear as a government witness at that trial and then intentionally failed to appear to testify.

In sentencing Gonzalez, Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb stated that custody was necessary out of fairness to those many witnesses who came to testify at the trial, despite having the same fears and safety concerns that Gonzalez had. Chief Judge Crabb also stated that it was important to let others know that ignoring a federal subpoena had consequences because the system of justice requires witnesses to appear at trials for testimony.

Today's sentencing is the result of the long-term investigation conducted on and

around the LCO Reservation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, and the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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